ANTICIPATION CONTINUED.

Containing the Subſtance of

THE SPEECH

Intended to be delivered from

THE T--------E

TO BOTH

H-----S of P--R---M---T,

ON THE

Opening of the enſuing SESSION.

To which is added,

A SKETCH of the DEBATE which WILL take Place in the H———E of L.——DS on the Motion for an ADDRESS and AMENDMENT.

Vaticinando quid mali eſt?

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To the PUBLIC.

ON reading the title to the following pages, prejudices will naturally ariſe againſt the Editor, who, it will be concluded, muſt poſſeſs very baſe principles; firſt, to have artfully drawn from the reſpectable characters referred to, a knowledge of the ſpeeches which they have received for utterance on the opening of the approaching campaign; and then baſely to have betrayed that confidence repoſed in him, by immediately developing their contents,

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and thereby depriving the actors of that merit and applauſe 'tis probable they would have acquired, had they been firſt, *vivâ voce*, delivered. To reflections of this nature ſuffice it to reply, that he claims to be poſſeſſed of a ſuper-natural power of ſcrutinizing into and reviſing the hearts and intentions of mankind, and other *arcana*, which, when he ſhall find a proper opportunity of revealing, may render infinite ſervice to his king and country. It may furthermore be ſaid in his excuſe, that being ſenſible of the natural curioſity of his countrymen, and that neither the corpulency of the elder part of them, or the ſkeleton frames of our modern Macaronies,

ronies, will prevent the endangering their lives to have the ſatisfaction of hearing *their country is ruined*, he is induced to adminiſter to them that compaſſion they would otherwiſe refuſe themſelves; and would think himſelf much leſs excuſeable (ſuppoſing his intelligence to have been gained by the means firſt alluded to) in having ſecreted from mankind, what a knowledge of, obtained by a perſonal attendance, might have produced the fracture of ſeveral very valuable members, than in having betrayed a confidence repoſed in him by individuals only. Waving therefore any further exordiums, other than aſſuring them, that as he is

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warranted by precedent, and as their perſonal ſafety and intereſt was the ſole inducement, he relies on their candor to ſupport

Their very obedient ſervant,

At command,

The EDITOR.

ANTICIPATION, &c.

Thurſday, 25th day of November, 1779.

THE L——ds being aſſembled, his M-j---y ſeated on the T———e, and the Sp——r of the H---e of C-m---s, with his uſual train of attendants, uſhered in by S-r Fr----s M———x, gentleman uſher of the Black Rod, and making the proper progreſſive congees, &c. being arrived at the Bar, his M-j---y opened the Seſſion with the following moſt gracious S----h from the T———e; and which we cannot help remarking, was delivered with that volubility of expreſſion, rarely to be heard in *extempore* eloquence. We have great ſatisfaction in being able to give it verbatim to our readers,

having procured an authentic copy through the channel of very great intereſt with the deputy ſhoe-black in ordinary to his M-j---y, who aſſured us it was the only perquiſite he enjoyed, notwithſtanding his near connection with the Court, viz.

My L——s and GENTLEMEN,

K—g's Sp——h. I Acquainted you, at the cloſe of the laſt ſeſſion of p-r---m--t, that I was making the neceſſary preparations for carrying on with vigor and effect the juſt war in which I am engaged by the treachery, deceit, malice and envy, as well of the common enemy of this country, as of their moſt unnatural allies, my rebellious ſubjects * in North-America. For this purpoſe, ſtrong fleets have been got ready, and my land forces have been increaſed, the ſucceſs of which, I am happy in ſaying, has exceeded my expectations.

The enemy, having already felt ſome effects of our reſentment, will, I aſſure myſelf, ſoon be rendered incapable of defending themſelves againſt the ſpirited efforts of the Britiſh

* His M—j——y ſtammered.

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nation; and if any other power, agreeable to ſome late extraordinary proceedings, ſhould interpoſe, and lend their aſſiſtance to my declared enemies, the honor of my crown, and the intereſt of my people, will call upon me to uſe every means in my power to repel any inſults, and to fruſtrate any deſigns formed againſt us, in violation of the faith of treaties.

It is my peculiar ſatisfaction to aſſure my p-r---m--t, who have ever ſhewn themſelves ready to adopt meaſures tending to the common good, that I ſhall ſtrictly obſerve and attend to the motions of other powers, and adhere to the engagements I am under, in order to the maintaining the balance of power, and the liberties of my ſubjects. For this purpoſe, you will ever find me forward in facilitating any meaſure that ſhall be concerted for our general ſafety; and, with the aſſiſtance of my faithful p-r---m--t, have no doubt but we ſhall avert the dangers that may threaten us.

I continue to receive the moſt amicable aſſurances of the pacific inclinations of the other powers in Europe.

GENTLEMEN of the H—E of C-MM---S,

I have ordered eſtimates to be prepared, and laid before you, of the ſupplies neceſſary for the enſuing year. It always gives me the greateſt concern to be neceſſitated to aſk any extraordinary aids of my people; but what I have already ſaid will ſuggeſt to you ſufficient reaſons why ſome augmentations will be neceſſary, as well for defraying the expences already incurred, as for carrying on the preſent war with vigor, and preparing for events that may happen in this uncertain and perplexed ſtate of Europe. I therefore place a ſtrict confidence in your experienced zeal and regard for me and my government, your concern for your own ſafety, and the ſupport of the common cauſe, to grant me ſuch effectual ſupplies as may be requiſite for thoſe purpoſes.

My L—DS and GENTLEMEN,

I muſt beg leave to recommend to your ſerious conſideration, as the chief directors and leaders of the ſentiments of my people at large, an unanimity in your councils and debates,

debates, as moſt likely to effectuate that deſireable end, the putting a ſtop to the horrors of war, and eſtabliſhing an honorable peace upon permanent and laſting grounds. The importance of this and other conſiderations is ſo apparent, that I need not uſe any arguments to urge the neceſſity of them.

His M-j---y being retired, and the ſpeech read by the C---c--l-r, L--d C-rl--e aroſe, and ſpoke to the following effect.

My L—DS,

Totally incapable of delivering my ſenti- L——d C-rl—e.
ments, deſtitute of ideas for the preſent purpoſe, and feeling what is neither in my power or any one elſe to expreſs or conceive; I am nevertheleſs prompted, in this non-entity of faculties, to move for an addreſs to his M-j---y, ſimilar to the official copy* I hold in my hand; wherein it has been provided, to reply to the Speech paragraph by paragraph,

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ſentence by ſentence, and ſection by ſection, to echo back the proper encomiums on M-n----rs; embelliſhing the whole with ſuch additions, repetitions and improvements, as have been thought politic and neceſſary. In this ſtate, eſcorted by the introduction of the ſeveral editors, compilers, reviſors and correctors cuſtomary on the occaſion, it is now offered for your L--d--ps conſideration. 'Tis my province, my hard lot, after three months recreation, and a total relaxation of my mental faculties, frequent flirtations, inordinate inebriations, affectionate amours, riots innumerable, quarrels exceſſive, challenges many, connections illicit, adulteries abundant, annuities granting, and debts new contracting; in this confuſed, perplexed, and debilitated ſtate of mind and body, this exuberancy of ignorance, ſterility of ingenuity, dearth of common ſenſe, and barrenneſs of reaſon, am I deputed to urge to you the propriety of this motion; for effectuating which arduous taſk, may I be permitted to call to my aſſiſtance a few Latin quotations, extracts, &c. as tending to beautify my obſervations, the force of which will not be in the leaſt

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diminiſhed from their not being underſtood by the deliverer.

I ſhall not take up your time by entering into an inquiry of the antiquity of the cuſtom of addreſſes, as it is acknowledged on all ſides to be reaſonable, proper, and genteel; it is a mutual complaiſance between k--g and p-r---m--t, an etiquette neceſſary to be kept up, and which an omiſſion of would conſtitute us (what I abhor the idea of) an unfaſhionable p-r---m--t; a p-r---m--t, I repeat it again, deſtitute of the Graces, and very properly ſurnamed a Boriſh Aſſembly; a title, I aſſure myſelf, you will coincide with me in thinking totally inconſiſtent with that poliſhed grace, that behavior debonair, that eſſence, that quinteſſence of politeſſe your L--d---ps would ever wiſh to hold ſacred. *Nil dictu fœdum viſuque hæc limina tangat, intra quæ ſunt pueri.* The addreſs propoſed is replete with that elegance, which ſo much diſtinguiſhes your L--d---ps above the vulgar and ignorant claſs of mankind, in expreſſing the great regard you have for his M-j---y, and the implicit confidence you place in his choſen M-n----rs, whoſe experienced zeal for

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their own welfare hath brought us into this trying dilemma. It aſſents to every propoſition made in the Speech, on the ground of preſerving a decorum which contrary ſentiments would not even induce your L--d---ps to break through; and introduces that truly admired Engliſh particle of complaiſance, an affirmative, in ſo engaging a manner, that an admiration of your own language would alone produce your approbation of; and if any alteration ſhould be found neceſſary in this truly exquiſite and mechanical piece of workmanſhip, it would be in eraſing the offer of our lives and fortunes; the firſt of which would (I beg leave to draw an inference from myſelf) be of very little ſervice; and the ſecond is founded upon a nullity-vociferate not, ye bagatelle oppoſition, for places. *Non cuivis homini contingit adire Corinthum.*

[Here he was called to order by the D——
of B—t—n.]

M-n----rs will eſcort you to an elyſium, to a perfect paradiſe, *Sic itur ad aſtra*; they will introduce to you the frenchified mode, the mode de Paris, the tout enſemble, the graces,

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my L--ds, the graces---Why then is it the *rage* to rail againſt M-n----rs, 'tis become a very *Bore*, an abſolute *Bore*: Let it not be ſaid they have delayed the progreſs of the war; I reply not to ſuch trifling obſervations, *Fabius cunctando reſtituit rem.* But I am digreſſing from the ſubject; I have no great ſhare of natural underſtanding. Unanimity is to be the bracelet of our councils; that, my L--ds, is to be careſſed, that is to be aimed at, Concord and Unanimity. Theſe were the grand tenets inſtilled in me by my grandmother; I boaſt of my female extraction. After a minute inveſtigation, I have diſcovered a great family ſecret, that ſhe and I were correlatives, and inſeparable by law as well as nature. *Dirime litem.* Your L--d---ps can tranſlate it: You know the reſpect due to the female part of the creation. 'Twas this conſideration that induced me to decline the Marquis de la Fayette's challenge; I felt the old lady's inclinations by inſtinct; my perſon was too ſacred to be truſted in the hands of ſuch a demagogue of rebellion. Your L--d---ps are well acquainted with my meaning. Aſk me not to reply, or give reaſons. Ignoramus---Καριτες Καριτες.

L——d Ch- f---d.

L--d Ch——f——d begged leave to give a *ſpring* to the *motion*; and as the neceſſity of it had been ſo learnedly *handled* by his noble *leader*, ſaid he ſhould *turn* his arguments in a very *narrow compaſs*. I am ſorry (ſays his L--d---p) to ſee the *career* of oppoſition ſo great, as almoſt to *overturn* the *axle-tree* of government, by *clogging the wheels* of the *machine*, though the *reins* are in the hands of ſo able a *charioteer*; *a charioteer* who, by his golden *traces*, has kept his *nags* and *jockies* obedient to his will; a piece of *jockeyſhip*, I venture to bet five to one, * that will *win* the *plate* in all the *courſes* in Europe. Follow their *tracks*, enter into their *harneſs*, and fear not to arrive at the wiſhed-for *goal*. His L--d---p concluded with ſaying, he ſhould be a *linch-pin* to the motion, which, he flattered himſelf, would take its *annual courſe*.

D--e of R-chm-d.

The D--e of R-chm--d obſerved he had no time to recapitulate Latin orations, or beautifying quotations, but ſhould content

* The D—n of W—tm—t—r took notes, with an intent, as it was ſuppoſed, to come in for his ſhare with the Jew uſurers, and ſecure the remnants of the loaves and fiſhes for divine conſumption.

himſelf

himſelf with amuſing his auditors in ſimple Engliſh: That the K--g's Speech was always in that Houſe conſidered as the ſpeech of the M-n----rs, and a ſort of panegyric upon every thing they had done; therefore he would venture to aſſert they ought to be particularly cautious of ſaying any thing that might imply a tacit approbation of their conduct. We ſit here (exclaimed his Grace) to preſerve the liberties of the people, to be a check upon m-n----rs, and to obſerve with a jealous eye, that the emoluments of office, places, &c. are not monopolized by one individual member, but that the balance of intereſt be properly kept up, and that none ſhould receive more than his ſhare; that there ſhould be no embezzlement of money, no concealment of treaſure, for that, my L--ds, that is unconſtitutional. I differ from the noble L--d who made the motion; complaiſance (to uſe his own expreſſion) would be highly criminal, inconſiſtent with the freedom and independence of this aſſembly, and inconſiſtent with our dignity and honor. I am yet to be taught the complaiſance of approving what I know nothing about, much leſs of what I from

thence violently ſuſpect to be wrong. I have always had a ſuſpicion of the works of darkneſs. Our ignorance and ſuſpicions are good arguments againſt making compliments to m-n----rs; rather let us teſtify our duty and affection to his M-j---y, by demonſtrating the truth, and intreating an inquiry into the ſtate of the nation, not doubting but we ſhall diſcover treaſons upon treaſons, and miſpriſions of treaſons without number. I do not pledge myſelf to your L--d---ps, that we ſhall prove them; but let us bring the charge, and let the accuſed extricate themſelves by the beſt expedient they can. Inquiries are always of ſervice, p-rl--m--t cannot ſpend their time better: witneſs the grand diſcoveries made in the Greenwich Hoſpital inquiry of the laſt ſeſſion; never were three months better employed: I then did not pledge myſelf to your L--d---ps to prove mal-practices, but was only led to think ſo, becauſe nobody in this Houſe thought of it before me. By ſuch cogent reaſons were our forefathers induced to inſtitute ſimilar inquiries: I ſpeak of the Decii, the Horatii, and the Brutuſſes, not to forget the luminaries of this age, the Americani.

cani. Diſcoveries were then made that produced the general thanks of all the nurſes, widows, ſempſtreſſes, and old women in the kingdom, in terms expreſſive of their maternal regard for me and my offspring. For this purpoſe I have ſketched out a motion, (by way of amendment to the addreſs propoſed) which, though it does not partake of the ſublime, is nevertheleſs, as your L--d---ps will plainly diſcern, a motion of my own, made without any man's direction, tending to preſerve that Palladium of our conſtitution, unreſtrained liberty; to diſcover the iniquities of the Cabinet, and lay open to the world the whole of our internal ſtrength, not doubting but it will be attended with advantages better conceived than expreſſed. It is this, my L--ds, that, after the uſual thanks for the Speech from the T——e in the room of the preſent, I muſt call it frenchified addreſs, the following ſimple, plain, and unperplexed Engliſh paragraphs be inſerted, as the only probable method of ſaving this falling country.

Am--m--t propoſed.

That you have with the greateſt concern obſerved, that the many attempts made by his M-j—y to vindicate and maintain the dignity and

and honor of his crown and the rights of his people, have been fruſtrated by inviſible cauſes, which your L--d---ps cannot but acknowledge has reluctantly created ſuſpicions in your breaſts, that the ſtamina of his adviſers are polluted, and that they have attended more to their own private emolument than to the general good of his people; the truth of which is too manifeſtly teſtified by the ſwollen muſcles and increaſing corpulency of the T—ſ—y Bench.

That it is the reſult of your L--d---ps moſt mature conſideration, that an enquiry into the ſtate of the nation will, at this criticnl conjuncture, be of eſſential ſervice; and that you are the more induced to ſet on foot an enquiry of this nature, from the good effects produced by one in a more confined line of the laſt year, whereby it was made manifeſt, to the aſtoniſhment of the whole world, that three yards of callico, when properly biſſected, and divided into halves, quarters, ells, and nails, will go further (to uſe a technical expreſſion) *than two yards and a half.*

For this purpoſe, that your L--d---ps implore his M-j---y's moſt gracious aſſiſtance, in directing the proper implements of information to be laid before you, viz, imprimis, an exact detail and particular

particular account of the depredations committed by the French and Spaniards, the number of ſhips and quantity of effects ſeized ſince the commencement of the preſent war; together with faithful copies of the private directions ſent to the commanders of the ſeveral ſquadrons; not omitting exact tranſcripts of every ſcroll of paper, pro and con, that has paſſed to and from the Adm—y Office the laſt ſummer, and every particular relative to the marine department. Secundo, The net admeaſurement of yards, halves, quarters, ells, and nails of canvas, uſed for the ſeveral marquees during the laſt ſummer's encampment; eſtimates and valuations of the reſpective miniſterial upholders, camp-equipage makers, &c. and ſigned copies of the ſeveral contractors accounts for furniſhing the ſame, errors not excepted; the particular number of ſhoes, ſtockings, hats, ſhirts, (with or without flaps) coats, waiſtcoats and breeches, uſed by the military for the laſt ſix months, with the prices annexed, and the net profits ariſing to the captains of the ſeveral companies from thoſe ſoldiers whom the heat of the weather compelled to wear no breeches at all. Tertio, A ſuccinct account of the ſeveral penſions upon our own and the Iriſh eſtabliſhment, the

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profits of the places held under government, and the ages, ſtate of mind and body, illuſtrated with the lives, memoirs, births, parentage, and education of the preſent occupants. And, laſtly, An explicit and enlarged delineation of the extenſion and contraction of the muſcles of the reſpective members of the Cabinet, on the arrival of the late news from the Grenades; the dimenſions of their phyſiognomies taken obliquely, horizontally, and perpendicularly; the ſentiments expreſſed or implied of his M-j---y and counſellors thereon; concluding with a plan and ſchedule annexed of the land and marine forces of all the powers in Europe, the deſtination of their reſpective fleets, and their friendly or inimical diſpoſitions, under hand and ſeal, (for I pay no regard to the word of princes) *towards this country.*

That however arduous a taſk a ſtrict ſcrutiny into the matters aforeſaid may turn out, your L--d---ps aſſure his M-j---y of your ſtrict attention, both by day and night, birthdays and holidays, Sundays and working-days, in inveſtigating the ſame, and proving by inconteſtible rational proofs, parole evidence, and conſequential concluſions, that the affairs of this petit iſſand

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are in a very wrong channel; and that whilſt the preſent m———rs are the aqueducts and receptacles of the profits of office, they will ever meet with ſuch an oppoſition, as totally to prevent their being brought to a happy concluſion.

Aſſiſt this motion, ye Bench deſtitute of reverence! Ye, whoſe anti-adulterous ſleeves are gored with American blood, and whoſe purple ſhould be converted into ſackcloth, (I will not preſs aſhes upon ye) ſuccour this motion! Liſt not to thoſe who, having brought the national bark into the midſt of a ſtorm, and nearly ſtruck her upon a rock, are nevertheleſs reſolved to continue at the helm till the ſhipwreck is compleated. But I am digreſſing from my general courſe of oratory; I approach at ſublimity, totally inconſiſtent with the natural plainneſs and ſimplicity of a Britiſh ſenator: I wiſh to confine myſelf within your L--d---ps capacities. 'Twas with the greateſt concern I heard the language held out to us in the Speech of this day. Can harmony be expected amongſt ſuch an inharmonious aſſembly? Rebellion, like a double-headed hydra, is now expanding its pernicious jaws in every

corner of the kingdom; the metropolis itſelf is not free from it. I ſpeak from authority. Curioſity led me to be an eye-witneſs of the city proceſſion on a late annual occaſion; the bands were drawn up, the brawny aldermen coached, and the whole body nearly prepared to march, when (as your L--d---ps know I am ſeldom a ſilent ſpectator) taking the foremoſt aſide, and explaining the ſimple tendency of my arguments, and honeſt zeal for my country's good, I exhorted them in the moſt pathetic manner to turn their march towards the Palace, there to requeſt of the T——e to extricate them from their difficulties and dangers, and from the jaws of perdition; and if that failed, to make uſe of their laſt reſource to ſupport expiring Liberty. I argued the great and urgent neceſſity of ſuch a procedure from the ignominy they ſuſtained in bearing arms without flints, and cartouch boxes without powder; not forgetting the impriſonment of the printer, and curtailing the ſhirts of the invalids at Greenwich Hoſpital. The latter argument prevailed; they applied the parallel to themſelves, and the herald offered to be ſecond in command.

mand. I myſelf had nearly taken the lead, when the ſight of the ſtandard at Temple-Bar, and a fear of being exalted as a weather-cock to poſterity, cauſed a total ſtagnation of my blood, my limbs loſt their motion, and I was hurried away by the crowd in a perfect trance: ſo near the heart of the kingdom is rebellion arrived, and ſuch was the inclination of that venerable and compound body to revolt. I have given your L--d---ps the account verbatim, that the beſt and moſt innocent intentions may not be perverted by miſ-repreſentation of facts. I know how ſuſceptible the moſt impartial mind is of prejudice when artfully inſtilled, and doubt not but your L--d---ps will make a proper uſe of this information, and aſſent to the amendment.

His G---e was followed by L--d D-rby, who (allowing his fertile genius its full ſcope for invention, and the conſequent elegant digreſſions) confined himſelf within the ſubject of debate more than we recollect to have heard him upon former occaſions. His L--d---p took a retroſpect view of American L — d D-rby.

affairs from the commencement of hoſtilities to the preſent period; reconnoitred with real military ſkill (acquired, as he aſſured the H---e, by leſſons from his drill-ſerjeant) the ſeveral engagements had between the reſpective armies during that ſpace of time; and here he took occaſion to obſerve, that the memorability of the feats performed by his illuſtrious couſin at Saratoga, his nice delicacy and refined reluctance about fulfilling his engagements, together with the ſubſequent converſion wrought upon the minds of his relations thereon, would ever reflect honor upon the Britiſh nation. He painted in the ſtrongeſt colours the low ſtate of the public funds, the decay of national credit, and great ſcarcity of money in every corner of the kingdom, which he thought he could not better illuſtrate than by aſſuring the H---e that his life annuities were ſunk to four years purchaſe, and that the credit of poſt obits was entirely gone; nay, if he might advance a paradox, he had even been told his future grants were to ſink to three years and a half, from an ideal notion that his conſtitution was rotten; an information he held himſelf bound

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to lay before the H---e, as it might very fairly be inferred, that a ſuſpicion of a national decay might be attended with ſimilar, and, perhaps, equally ill-grounded conſequences. He next proceeded to remark the great concern he felt in conſidering the depravity of human nature, and the great defects in the formation of the mundane ſyſtem; but more particularly he lamented how little the female part of the creation partook of that ſlender portion of ſublimity he himſelf was poſſeſſed of, the truth of which the multiplicity of divorces during the preſent reign too manifeſtly teſtified; that this was a matter he felt himſelf very particularly intereſted in; and that therefore, as the inquiry propoſed by the am-nd---t was likely to be finiſhed in the ſhort ſpace of a quarter of a year, he graſped that opportunity of acquainting their L--d---ps that he ſhould on that day three months move the H---e to enter into an inquiry into the cauſe of adultery, and for copies of the evidence produced upon the ſeveral divorce bills ſince the year 1749: that he aſſured himſelf of ſucceſs in ſo laudable an undertaking, from a conviction that

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the majority of their L--d---ps would feel themſelves very cloſely connected with the grand object of the bill, not to mention the great aſſiſtance he ſhould receive from the Rev[d]. Bench oppoſite him, whoſe futile attempts at a reformation of manners were too well known to require any illuſtration upon: That the inquiry he ſhould have the honor to propoſe might poſſibly be ſpun out to the end of the ſeſſion, when he was aſſured the ſatisfaction their conſciences would receive from having ſuppreſſed ſo growing an evil, would be a ſufficient inducement for them to turn their thoughts towards planning, during the receſs, inquiries of a ſimilar tendency for the ſucceeding ſeſſion: That for theſe weighty reaſons, and the implicit confidence he always placed in his noble friends motions, he ſhould give his vote for the amendm--t.

——d nc--l-r. The L--d C--nc--l-r had very pregnant reaſons for voting with Adm———n, reaſons which a proficiency in the laws of policy and common aſſurance taught him to keep ſecret: That the ſucceſs of their councils, in a great meaſure, depended upon the ſecrecy with which

which they were performed: That the conduct of oppoſition, *ab initio*, carried with it the ſeeds of abuſe, which had ripened more and more into maturity every day: That that court was the ultimate ſeat of power, the court of dernier appeal, and the regulator and director of every ſubordinate department: That as the leader of a phalanx, he had a competent juriſdiction to reprobate the manœuvres of the opponent party in very ſevere terms, who had debauched the minds of the people by the vileſt inſinuations faction could ſuggeſt; M-j---y, nay even he himſelf, had been attacked: That if m-n——rs had been deficient in any part of their duty, it was in the indulgence they had ſhewn to that ſpirit of licentiouſneſs and defamation which had gone abroad, an indulgence deriving its ſource from a tenderneſs of liberty: That if our credit run low abroad, he had very preſumptive reaſons to conclude that it aroſe from the arts of a diſcontented faction: That upon the firſt bluſh of the Am--dm--t propoſed, (copious as it was) abſtracted from any other conſequential adulterous inquiries, he muſt confeſs it appeared in itſelf ſimple; but that,

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as it might tend to other queſtions which might be dangerous, he wiſhed to ſee the whole of thoſe component parts, and what they might lead to, before he gave his conſent to it: That after all the defamatory libels induſtriouſly propagated through all parts of the kingdom; after every attempt to eradicate the liberties of England, which he held to be paramount to thoſe of France, hatched by ambition, and nurtured by private intereſt and revenge, he had had the ſatisfaction of reporting many dutiful and loyal addreſſes to the T——e from different quarters of the kingdom; amongſt which he more particularly commended a paſſage in that of the inhabitants of Guernſey, wherein they had given a moſt pictureſque deſcription of the lawleſs feſtivity of a French banditti on the day of the Spaniſh declaration in their favor. " *In that day of their inſolence, they ſhut up their Exchanges, to conſecrate it as a day of feſtivity; but the great God of battles, who loveth juſtice, and hateth iniquity, has turned their exultation into ſorrow, and their ſchemes of rapine and wealth into diſappointment and bankruptcy, this mean and wicked alliance with the*

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demagogues of rebellion." His L--d---p aſſured the H---e the ſentiments of that religious ſet of men were, *ab imo*, ſo concurrent with his own, that he could not but admire the peculiarly energetic and very cogent term of *the God of battles* introduced in this orthodox addreſs; and concluded with ſaying, he ſhould be one of the firſt in Adm———n to join with the right reverend Bench in offering up his prayers, accompanied with faſting and divine abſtinence, to his Creator, to avert his heavy judgments from this perverſe and wicked generation.*

L--d Ab--d--n. My riſing upon this occaſion is, perhaps, one of the moſt flagrant inſtances of abuſe and virulence this age has ſeen. I meant to have ſat down motionleſs in theſe regions of iniquity, this execrated Houſe of mourning, and to have permitted the ſons of infidelity to continue their rapid progreſs to deſtruction unmoleſted; but the cries of Engliſhmen, in the laſt agonies of their liberty, have inſtigated me to ſtand L——d Ab--d--n.

* A general groan amongſt the lawn ſleeves, and the bar cleared for unmannerly behavior.

forth the Don Quixote of Europe, to diſpel the clouds of darkneſs and perdition impending over us, by cautioning the wary travellers in this auguſt aſſembly againſt being led as pilgrims into ſuch dangerous and uncertain paths. I have the ſatisfaction of being conſcious never to have been ſo determinately attached to the vortex of oppoſition, after prudential motives directed a contrary mode of conduct. The modeſty of thoſe abandoned wretches called m-n----rs ariſes from a conſciouſneſs of guilt, not a conſciouſneſs of merit: offer not incenſe to them, but rather expiate your crimes, and make atonement to your country, by giving up your places, obtained by corruption, to the virtuous oppoſition; place me at the helm; let the intrepid B—lt—n preſide over the Admiralty; and R-chm--d, the humane R-chm--d, be director general of the hoſpitals, and ſole patentee of ſhirts with long tails; let F-x be financier, orator D-nn--g attorney general, D-rb-y commander in chief of the forces, and Sh—e maſter of the houſhold: let the reſt of our immaculate party fill the ſeveral other departments, that England may ſhew her priſtine ſplendor,

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by convincing the world that ſhe is equally great when a province of France, as when, in her preſent ſtate, dependent upon herſelf: Then ſhall the wiſhed-for *Io triumphe* reſound upon the Gallic ſhores, and pœans reſonate through every corner of this kingdom; then ſhall the hydra of corruption be baniſhed from the realm, and the chaos of illuminated iniquity ſhine forth with double luſtre. Need I remind you of the Revolution, that glorious æra, when England preſented a ſcene of riot and confuſion; thoſe were the times I wiſh to have lived in; in thoſe times an Ab--d--n would have been deified, and a requiem for the ſoul and quick departure of a K-pp-l been ſung every morning before breakfaſt. Thoſe were the times I wiſh to bring about again, and have little doubt but a ſecond addreſs to the people of England, and an affirmative voice to the am--dm--t propoſed, will effectuate it. *Latet anguis in herba.*

E—l of B——ll.

The E--l of B-----ll wiſhed to know how long m-n----rs would like to lie in ſheets too ſhort for their beds, or to wear ſhirts ſo

much curtailed, as not to tuck into their breeches; begged leave to aſſure the H---e he had no antipathy againſt m--n----rs, much leſs againſt their places; therefore felt himſelf particularly agitated at the repeated refuſals he had met with on offering his ſervices. "I have been bred up in the navy, a ſchool where the ſeeds of honor and generoſity are more deeply implanted than in any other profeſſional ſet of men in the univerſe; thence I expect greater credit to be given to my informations than to the legal quibbles of the noble L--d on the woollſack, whoſe profeſſional credit alone ſhould be a ſufficient obſtruction to their having weight with your L--d---ps. How long are we to remain in the dark? and when is the ſecret embaſſy of Commodore J--n----e to be made public? Oft have I taken a ſurvey of the ſeveral L--ds in this H---e, and diſcovered different paſſions, different intereſts, and different views. To the noble L--ds in adm———n may be aſcribed the moſt heinous crime of ſecrecy, and long continuance in office, added to a moſt culpable neglect of the anti-min——l ſide of the H---e, when we have had the

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pleaſure of firſt promulgating the intelligence of the approaching lamentable decay of this country: Such will be the fate, I doubt not, the intelligence I have the honor to communicate to your L--d---ps at this alarming criſis will meet with; intelligence, the ſimple relation of which alone ſhould make the walls of this H---e ſhudder, that the French army near Gravelline, Boulogne, Sur le Mer, Dunkirk, and other parts of the French coaſts, have been increaſed near 10,000 men, now ready for embarkation, to invade this country. To repel this impending ruin, prompted by the uſual motives, and ſupported by the concomitant advantages, I once more offer my perſonal ſervices, though contrary to the expreſs directions of my phyſician, and repeated admonitions from my domeſtic chaplain; which ſhould m-n----rs dare to refuſe, I henceforth reſolve to retire to my country ſeat, and ſpend the remainder of my life in prayers and ſupplications for their eternal damnation.

L--d S--d---h found it was become the faſhion for the oppoſite ſide of the H---e to hold

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hold him forth as the ſubject of their raillery and abuſe; therefore only held himſelf bound to contradict the intelligence communicated from very *laudable motives* by the noble E--l who ſpoke laſt, and which he had the happineſs of being able to do by a letter he had juſt received from Captain Boteler, late commander of the Ardent, who had it from his fourth lieutenant, and which ſaid lieutenant received it from a midſhipman, (a man of undoubted veracity) that the French troops had quitted the coaſts, and betaken themſelves to winter quarters.

D—e of Ch——s. The D--e of Ch——s was ſurpriſed L--ds ſhould teaze and perplex his M-j---y's m-n----rs with ſuch frivolous information; and averred that he was independent of every L--d in adm——n; had aſked three times for the maſterſhip of the horſe, twice to be groom of the ſtole, and once for almoſt every place that had been vacant for the laſt ſix years; all of which had been refuſed him, that he might the better ſupport his independency; conduct worthy of imitation by the whole world.

L--d

L--d Sh———e wiſhed that the inquiry propoſed might not be confined within bounds or limits; the neceſſity of the ſtate required a general ſcrutiny into its moſt ſecret receſſes; extortion and impoſition had crept into every office and department where Gov---m--t had the moſt diſtant connections. Let the exorbitant demand for a paſſport from the ſec---y of ſt--e's office demand your L--d---ps primary attention. L——d Sh——e.

Next take a view of that treaſury of iniquity, where the man, (I beg pardon of the human ſpecies) the *luſus naturæ*, preſides, whoſe life has ſo long impeded the execution of our darling deſigns.

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Neither let the Ad——lty Office eſcape your L--d---ps obſervation, where petticoat intereſt has double prevalence over ſhort jackets and trowſers

Then animadvert to the receipt of the Exchequer, where the before curſed amphibious being has the ſole direction.

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In fine, let the War-office, Victualling-office, Paymaſter General's office, office of Ordnance, hoſpitals of every denomination, the Aſylum, London Workhouſe, and Weſtminſter Infirmary, all undergo a moſt rigid ſcrutiny and inſpection, that the halt, the blind, the aged and neceſſitous, may equally feel the good effects of our inquiries, and be reſcued out of the hands of extortion and deceit: thus, my L--ds, will ye immortalize yourſelves, and be tranſmitted ſacred to poſterity. L--ds who are fond of parallels may compare the illuſtrious Chatham to me: *Sic parvis componere magna ſolebam.* To relieve the afflicted was a faculty Providence had laviſhly endowed him with; I feel myſelf equally well inclined. 'Twas his province to ſeek for objects whereon to beſtow his munificence; this is alſo my employment. 'Twas his happineſs to raiſe his country ſuperior to itſelf; mine, equally laudable, to

ſink it into the contrary extreme. In him were centrically placed all the ſocial virtues; in me are ſocially centered faculties of the oppoſite nature.

His L--d---p here entered into an anatomical view of the analyſis of the frame of his departed friend, ſubjoining ſimilies and compariſons to the end of every ſection, the force of which, in an allegorical ſenſe, ſeemed to be univerſally allowed. To follow him through every maze of argument he run into, would (if we may judge from the yawnings, coughs, hums, and ſnores, which were now become very prevalent in moſt parts of the H---e) be deemed tedious and unneceſſary by our readers: We ſhall therefore omit the remainder of this noble L--d's oration; briefly obſerving that it contained a tender of his ſervices to the S-v-r---n on the uſual terms, enforced and recommended by the great advantages promiſed to accrue from the diſcovery of ſeveral new taxes to be raiſed without any apparent loſs to the ſubject; an offer which the L--ds on the oppoſite ſide of the H---e did not appear much inclined to accept.

L--d

L--d Amh---t felt himſelf ſomewhat intereſted in the inquiry propoſed by the am--dm--t; and therefore, as he was no friend to ſecrecy, ſaid he would ſatisfy the noble D--e who moved it, with the moſt ample information of what came immediately within his cognizance, and which was chiefly confined to the ſeveral encampments during laſt ſummer: That, excepting a fall of near two thouſand baſtard children, (which he held to be for the good of the ſervice) the greateſt order and diſcipline had been obſerved, as well amongſt the officers as privates, to the former of whom great thanks were due for their unwearied attention in manœuvring their ſeveral companies in an entirely new mathematical way, deduced from the ſtudy of problems in Euclid's Elements, which, the more they endeavoured to ſolve, the more they were merged into difficulties; a plan he the more approved of, from its near approach to the American mode of buſh-fighting; not to forget the great proficiency acquired in S-r G----e Col---r's new-invented method of making *deſultory invaſions*, and *poſting ſléche's to ſupport the*

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picquet. "Who (continued his L--d---p) could view with a military eye the eaſy unlapelled air of the officers in the light infantry companies, but with admiration? The peculiar regimental ſtiffneſs of their tails when in full uniform, together with the debonair ideas conveyed to the beholder on ſurveying their drop boots, equally claim your L--d---ps attention; not omitting their very commendable negligence and great zeal for their country's good, in entering into the ſervice without ſtipulation of rank or half pay. And being able to give ſo good a report of the reſpectable ſet of men in my department, 'tis difficult to perſuade myſelf that the ſeveral objections taken and more particularly ſtated in the am--dm--t, are not equally groundleſs and ill-founded. But not wiſhing it to be underſtood that I hold myſelf ſufficiently comprehenſive to judge of extraneous matters, I ſhall put a negative to the am-nd---t, as *ex parte* founded upon a mere ſuſpicion of grievances, which do not, *re ipſâ*, exiſt.

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E--l B-th---t now aroſe, and endeavouring to ſuppreſs a torrent of tears, (which the pictureſque deſcription of the fall of this kingdom, given by the noble D--e who moved, ſeemed to have created) bewailed his incapability to prevent the weakneſs of human nature taking place, when ſuch lamentable and moving ſcenes were preſented to him; lamented that the credulity generally attending weak minds had taken ſuch quick and deep root in him, as nearly to overturn the ſentiments he before entertained; nay, ſo great was the conteſt in his own breaſt, that it required much military ſkill (and more than he pretended to be maſter of) to marſhal his thoughts in ſuch a way, that each ſide of the queſtion might have its due weight: till at length (wiping his eyes, altering the poſition of his wig, and ſumming up all his reſolution) he begged noble L--ds to recollect that he had had the ſeals many years, during which time his ſecretaries and clerks could vouch for him that he had not pocketted, *ex officio*, one ſingle ſhilling; nay, *e contra*, he had been ſo harraſſed with petitions of divers natures, which

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ſelf on the firſt ſtarting of the latter motley crew from the hoſpital. I might be jocular in the relation of their limping movements, did not a reſpect for the ſervice (which I have ever held in the higheſt eſtimation, but which, I muſt confeſs, has not been ſo reciprocal as I might have expected) repel every riſible inclination. Suffice it *for me* to ſay, that they were loud in their exclamations againſt the Board of Adm——y, and all its appendants. The news of the arrival of the combined fleets, and the reſpect due to foreigners *upon that occaſion*, induced me to pay a viſit to Plymouth alſo this laſt ſummer, intending to congratulate my ſalt-water acquaintance upon their arrival. In this I was providentially diſappointed; providentially, I ſay, becauſe no thanks are due to m-n----rs for this fortunate eſcape. The propinquity of *their* fleet, and *my* natural timidity of the conſequences of an invaſion, urged me to ſketch out articles of capitulation, for the preſervation of myſelf and cattle, and which (as I have reaſon to think many will be inclined to follow ſo good an example in, ſhould it hereafter be found neceſſary) I ſhall read to your L--d---ps as a precedent proper to be purſued, viz.

Articles

Articles of capitulation entered into this firſt day of the landing of the French and Spaniſh troops upon the Engliſh coaſt, between Count de Orvilliers, commander of the united fleets of France and Spain, and acknowledged ſovereign of the ſeas, of the one part; and H---y D—e of B--lt--n, vice-admiral of the counties of South-----n and D--ſ-t, an admiral of the Blue Squadron in the Britiſh fleet, ſole leader and director of the feu de joyes and illuminations of the laſt year, patentee of the Keppell garters, and encourager of every internal riot and confuſion, for many years paſt, of the other part.

"Firſt, The ſaid Count, in the name of his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, in conſideration of the very eſſential ſervices performed by the ſaid D--e, in concert with others our moſt faithful

friends in the ſeveral Britiſh H----s of L--ds and C---m---s, doth hereby agree to protect him, the ſaid D--e, his horſes, carts and carriages, lands, meſſuages and tenements, wife or wives, (lawful or unlawful, as the caſe may be) child or children, dogs, cats and ſervants, and all other his houſehold, of what kind or denomination ſoever, from all damage, harm or loſs to be ſuſtained or received by any of our marine or military forces, or any other the ſubjects of his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty.

"Secondly, The ſaid D--e, in conſideration, and by way of return for the protection aforeſaid, doth hereby diſcharge and releaſe Monſieur de Sartine, miniſter to his ſaid Chriſtian M——y, his ſucceſſors and aſſigns, of and from all verbal promiſes, aſſurances, and engagements, of ſubſidies, ſupplies, ſecret ſervice money, or other pecuniary donations made by the ſaid miniſter for the manifold merit, great humanity, and charitable diſpoſition the ſaid D——e more particularly diſplayed in his aid, ſuccour and aſſiſtance, adminiſtered to the ever memorable John the Painter, and others the enlightened ſubjects of his Britannic M-j---y.

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"Thirdly, The ſaid Count conſidering, and humanely providing for the natural timidity of the ſaid D--e, as by the duplicity of ſeveral of his private letters moſt manifeſtly appears, doth hereby further promiſe and agree, that all and every the ſubjects of his ſaid Chriſtian Majeſty ſhall, upon their approach to the ſaid D--e, or any of his family, (who, it is ſuppoſed, partake of the ſame timorous diſpoſition) carry and demean themſelves in the form following; that is to ſay, all officers with their ſwords ſheathed; privates having their bayonets unfixed, the muzzles of their guns inclining downwards; pioneers with their axes ſlung, and in every other reſpect manœuvring their deportments as to one ſtrictly allied to his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty.

"And, laſtly, for effectuating the premiſſes, the ſaid Count doth hereby engage to publiſh proclamations, notifying his aforeſaid humane intentions throughout all and ſingular the boroughs, counties, cities and towns, in all and every the Anglo-Gallic dominions; and furthermore, to recommend the aforeſaid D--e to his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, as a fit and proper emiſſary to ſtir up a rebellion in the Spaniſh colonies in South-America."

Such, my L--ds, was my ambidexter foreſight and precaution, and for which I confeſs myſelf indebted to the author of a pamphlet intitled Anticipation. Deſperate diſeaſes require deſperate remedies, which remedies have double weight when adminiſtered by way of anticipating the diſeaſe. I ſhall not trouble this H---e with an account of the ſtate of Plymouth at the time the combined fleets were maſters of the channel, that being intended by a learned friend of mine for this day's diſcuſſion in the lower H---e; but, as further evidence of the imbecillity of m-n----rs, ſhall refer you to the Gazette account of the capture of the Serapis, and deſtruction of the Quebec.

And having thus ſtated very fully the weakneſs and incapacity of m-n----rs, I ſhall briefly urge to you the propriety of making the changes pointed out by a noble E--l, by obſerving that I have a real patriotic zeal for my country's welfare, flowing from a heart replete with the moſt generous principles; that I ſhall henceforward wave all political animoſities; and that, though I could ſay much more in diſparagement of the preſent m-n----rs, founded upon

upon facts not to be controverted, I ſhall nevertheleſs be inſtigated by prudential motives to ſit quiet for the remainder of the ſeſſion, hoping that it will produce the deſired effect.

The E--l of E--ff---h-m begun with obſerving, that Providence had been ſufficiently cruel in compelling him to ſurvive his own deſtruction, but to ſurvive his country's ruin was ſomething more than cruel; and proceeding to inform the H---e that a reſignation of his commiſſion, to prevent the ſpilling American blood, did not imply ſimilar inclinations towards the French, he was interrupted by a general clamour from all ſides of the H---e for the queſtion, which being put, the original addreſs was carried by a majority of 60 to 22. The Marq--s of R-ck--g--m, L--d C-md-n, D--e of P--tl--d, E--l of Sc--b-----h, D--e of M-nch--t-r, and E--l of R-dn-r, bore a part in the above debate; but their ſpeeches being nearly a repetition of what fell from the D---e of R-chm--d and the minority L--ds, we do not think it neceſſary to retail them. E—l of E-ff-h m

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The Editor begs leave to ſympathize with his readers in commiſerating the lamentable ſituation of his country, when men of the firſt conſequence in point of family and fortune will ſo far loſe ſight of the public welfare, as to content themſelves with throwing out, in the grand council of the nation, perſonal invectives, thereby endeavouring to create murmurs and diſcontent amongſt the people, inſtead of encouraging what his M-j---y ſo properly recommends in his ſpeech, and is ſo much to be wiſhed for, concord and unanimity. An impartial obſerver cannot but condemn this line of conduct, on reflecting that the greater part of the ſpeakers in the above debate have continued the ſame uninterrupted ſcene for many years paſt. The Editor would pay too high a compliment to his own judgement, was he to date the origin of our calamities to the inflammatory debates of the two H----s of P-rl--m--t, and therefore leaves it to the diſcerning Public to make ſuch comments on the above debate as the general tenor of the arguments referred to ſhall produce: At the ſame time begs leave to congratulate

gratulate them on his incapability to anticipate a more fortunate circumſtance than the comfort and ſatisfaction they may ever expect to enjoy, whilſt they have a K——g upon the T———e whoſe ſole pleaſure conſiſts in promoting the intereſt and proſperity of his people.

The Editor was proceeding to make further remarks on the above debate, when his attention was called to a motion made by the E--l of R-dn-r for the immediate apprehenſion of the author and publiſher of a moſt iniquitous pamphlet intitled ANTICIPATION CONTINUED, ſetting forth the ſuppoſed ſpeeches of ſeveral L——ds in that H——e, many of whom, he would venture to aſſert, had never entertained one ſingle idea of oratory from their infancy: That to put ſpeeches into the mouths of L—ds who had never profeſſed any rhetorical inclinations, was ſuch a breach of privilege, as demanded their L--d---ps moſt ſerious attention; and that

that as their L--d---ps had at his inſtance, and of *their great wiſdom*, thought proper to impriſon a printer during the laſt ſeſſion, the exerciſe of which power had always had a good effect, ſo he was of opinion that the commitment of both author and publiſher would be attended with double good conſequences: That the author of a ſimilar publication laſt year had, through the clemency of the lower H---e, eſcaped the puniſhment his crimes ſo juſtly merited; but that the pamphlet in queſtion was attended with ſtill more aggravating circumſtances. He argued that the word *continued* conveyed a moſt hearty contempt of the power and authority of that H---e individually and collectively, not to ſay that the contents were of a much more evil tendency.

For theſe weighty reaſons, he humbly moved that the author or authors, whether He or She, publiſher or publiſhers of the aforeſaid libellous pamphlet intitled Anticipation Continued, be ſummoned by the uſher of the Black Rod to attend that H---e on the morrow, there to anſwer ſuch interrogatories as ſhall be

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put to him, her, or them; and further, to abide by ſuch order and direction as to their L--d---ps, of their great wiſdom, ſhould ſeem meet and proper.

The above motion being ſeconded by E--l B-th---t, (who was by this time nearly recovered) adding alſo, that he held it to be a *motion of courſe*, and it being ordered accordingly, the Editor, feeling himſelf ſomewhat intereſted in the event, immediately hurried into the city, where he had the ſatisfaction of meeting, under a magiſterial gown, ſuccour and protection from all legal authority whatſoever.

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